

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is the U.S. national phase of PCT Appln. No. PCT/EP2004/0014044 filed December 9, 2004, which claims priority to German application 103 59 703.5 filed December 18, 2003.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

On page 1, before the paragraph beginning on line 8, please add the following:

2. Description of the Related Art

On page 2, after line 18, please insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraphs beginning on page 2, at line 19 and 25 as shown below:

It is therefore an object of the invention to provide a redispersible dispersion powder for building compositions, which when used for treating exterior coatings also proves to be effective against attack by microorganisms, algae and fungi. This and other objects are achieved through ~~The invention provides for~~ the use of biocide-containing, water-redispersible polymer powder compositions in mineral building compositions, with the water-redispersible

polymer powder compositions based on a film-forming polymer containing from 0.001 to 0.5 % by weight of a biocidally active additive.

On page 2, after line 30, please insert the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, at line 13, as shown below:

The active compound content is ~~[[set]]~~ determined as a function of the effectiveness and the objective to be achieved. In general, a content of from 0.001 to 0.5 % by weight, preferably from 0.001 to 0.2 % by weight, ~~particularly~~ most preferably from 0.001 to 0.1 % by weight, in each case based on the total weight of the water-redispersible polymer powder composition, is employed.